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QUAKER CITY BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

Chestnut Street National Is Now
in Hands of Examiner.

LIABILITIES OVER \$3,000,000

Funds of City Police and Firemen's
Pension Fund Were on Deposit.

LAST REPORT MADE A GOOD SHOWING

Banking Houses of the City Made
an Effort To Tide the Institution
Over, but Found Its Condition
Such That Made It Impossible.

Philadelphia, December 23.—A sensation was created in this city today by the announcement of the suspension of the Chestnut Street National bank, regarded as one of the strongest financial institutions in the city. The suspension carried with it the closing of the Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund Company, doing business under the state banking laws. William M. Slingerly, publisher of the "Philadelphia Record," is president of both companies, and the same man, with one exception, act as officers and directors.

The first information the public received that the banks were in trouble was in the form of a notice posted this morning on the door of the building occupied jointly by the two concerns, signed by National Bank Examiner William M. Hart, to the effect that the Chestnut Street National bank had closed its doors pending an investigation of its affairs. No statement of assets and liabilities is available, but it is stated the deposits of the Chestnut street bank amounted to \$1,700,000 and of the trust company \$1,300,000.

President Slingerly gave out a brief statement tonight in which he said:

"We are working to secure the indebtedness of the two banks so they can go into voluntary liquidation and thus avoid a receivership."

In this connection Deputy Comptroller of the Treasury George M. Coffin, who was here from Washington by Comptroller Edwards, was said:

"The master of putting the Chestnut Street National bank into voluntary liquidation has been taken up by Philadelphia men of great financial ability. Their first step will be to secure the return of the assets of the bank. They must first be satisfied they have value sufficient to warrant them in going into voluntary liquidation."

Mr. Coffin will remain here several days aiding the men who have taken upon themselves the task of extricating Mr. Slingerly from his financial difficulties. These gentlemen are in consultation tonight, and the belief is strong that they will provide the funds needed for a voluntary liquidation of the two banks.

Trouble Was Expected.

It was known for some time in banking circles that Mr. Slingerly's banks were in trouble and the national bank examiner, it is said, was aware of the condition of affairs. Last night a number of the leading bankers of the city had a conference at the home of Senator Hanna this morning, considering the matter of raising sufficient money to relieve Mr. Slingerly's banks of their distress. It is understood a proposition to float \$2,000,000 preferred stock of the Philadelphia Record had been practically agreed to when the discovery was made that because of the involved condition of the two companies, this sum would not be within safety less than \$1,000,000.

Negotiations were, therefore, declared off and the banks were forced to the wall.

No. 1 is hoped the committee which began tonight to work the former committee left out will succeed in satisfactorily adjusting the finances and thus give the banks to pay depositors dollar for dollar.

The net earnings of The Record last year are said to have been \$249,000, more than sufficient to pay dividends on a sum sufficient to pay all of Mr. Slingerly's indebtedness to the banks.

The statement of the cause of the fall of the chestnut street bank agrees with the one by Comptroller Eckeck at Washington today, that it was primarily due to the loss of much money by Mr. Slingerly in his unproductive paper mill at Elkhorn, Md., one of the largest in the country. One statement places the sum thus invested at nearly a million dollars. Mr. Slingerly also has much money invested in other cities and other cities. Rumors were current to the effect that the ownership of The Record would pass from Mr. Slingerly, but this he denied, it being stated positively that he is in absolute control of the paper and will continue his head.

His sympathy is expressed on all sides for Mr. Slingerly. He has occupied such a prominent place in the affairs of the city and the state for years past that the news of his financial difficulties naturally created a sensation.

Crowds were gathered in front of the big granite building all day, but all was quiet. A great number of small amounts were coined and uncoined in the company and apprehension was expressed that some distress might follow the failure. If the hopes of a quick settlement are realized, however, all depositors will be paid in full within a short time.

The last report of the condition of the Chestnut Street National bank, made on October 5, 1897, was:

Resources—Loans and discounts, \$2,790,000; overdues, secured and unsecured, \$5,632,241. United States bonds to \$90,000; United States deposits, \$100,000; premium on United States bonds, \$10,000, due from national banks, \$22,600; due from state banks and bankers, \$8,851.60; due from approved reserve agents, \$300,752.75; checks and other items, \$1,346,464.25; notes for clearing house, \$174,586.47; notes of other national banks, \$3,144; fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, \$2,835.94;

JAIL BIRDS WILL EAT TURKEY

Bars and Bolts Cannot Keep Old St. Nicholas Out.

TURKEY FOR THE PRISONERS

Sheriff Nelms Arranges Elaborate Menu for His Guests.

'POSSUM AND TATERES ON THE BILL

Delicacies of the Season Will Delight the Heart of the Moon-shiner.

The iron bars of Fulton county jail will not keep Santa Claus from getting in and giving the prisoners a big Christmas dinner. Old Santa may not have time to fill their stockings, but he is going to make an effort to fill their stomachs.

Sheriff Nelms has given Santa orders to go ahead and get up the best dinner he can. There are about one hundred prisoners who will take their Christmas dinner behind the bars, but Sheriff Nelms says that it will be just as good as they could get if they were on the outside. They are going to have everything that the sheriff will have on his table, and that means that they will have all the good things of the season.

It will be the last Christmas dinner served in the old jail and it will be one to be remembered. The usual odor of cabbage and fat meat that fills the jail during the other days in the year will be driven out by the delicious odor of roast turkey and plum pudding. The jail chef will have a chance to turn out the most palatable dainties ever cooked on the jail oven, and he will use all the knowledge of the culinary art in his possession.

The full menu has not been made out yet, but it is certain that the regulation turkey with cranberry sauce will form a large part of the dinner. The plum pudding will not be forgotten and there will be enough of it to give the entire population of the jail the nightmare for a week. There will be possum, garnished with baked beans, for the colored prisoners; there will be delicious soup for those who cannot partake of the heavier food and every prisoner will have what he wants and plenty of it. The dinner will be served at noon tomorrow and the prisoners will eat until they have cried "Hold—enough."

Sheriff Nelms said yesterday that all the prisoners were looking forward to their Christmas dinner and that he was going to give them the best spread that he could get up. Sheriff Nelms says that while he is glad there will be a new jail by next Christmas, he is glad that he has had a chance to show the people that he could keep prisoners in the present jail. Since he has been sheriff there have only been two prisoners to escape, and both of them have been recaptured and are now serving their time in the penitentiary.

The present jail, while it is a very poor jail, is looked on as one of the safest jails in the state. Since Sheriff Nelms has been in office prisoners have been sent here from all over the state for safe keeping.

They have all been kept safe and tomorrow when they get the good dinner prepared for them they will not regret it.

Tom Cyrus will doubtless be the happiest guest at Sheriff Nelms's Christmas dinner, for he did not believe the law would permit him to accept the sheriff's invitation. Instead of death on the gallows, Cyrus is to eat turkey tomorrow.

KURTZ SPIKES HANNA'S GUNS.

Ohio Republicans Have Promised To Support Free Silver.

Columbus, O., December 24.—The State Journal this morning prints a story that the republicans, led by Hon. Charles Kurtz, in opposition to the re-election of Senator Hanna, have promised to support free silver as the price of the defeat of Senator Hanna. The story, The Journal states, comes from a man who claims that Mr. Hanna will be defeated. The Journal says:

"Conferees are being held in various parts of the state by democrats who have gathered at the direction of McLean and the free silver leaders to plan for bringing pressure to bear upon democratic members of the legislature to vote for Governor Bushnell, and the argument which is used in these conferences to convince the doubting and bring conviction to the hesitating is that Bushnell has surrendered to the Bryanite idea of finance and will act with the free silver men in the United States senate if elected."

SHOT TO DEATH AMONG LADIES.

Two Alabamians Have a Fatal Meeting in Crowded Jewelry Store.

Birmingham, Ala., December 23.—(Special)—T. T. Ashford, a member of the Birmingham board of aldermen and president of the Birmingham Paint and Glass Company, this afternoon shot and fatally wounded F. T. Brown, of Courtland, Ala., a traveling salesman for Bettman, Bloom & Co., clothing manufacturers at Cincinnati.

A year ago Brown killed Ashford's brother, at Courtland, Ala., by shooting the top of his head off. T. T. Ashford did not go to Courtland to the trial, at the request of his mother, who feared further trouble.

Brown was acquitted.

This afternoon the men met on Twenty-eighth street, in front of Rosenthal's jewelry establishment. Large crowds of Christmas shoppers were on the streets and in the store.

It is claimed Brown made a motion as if to draw a gun when Ashford began shooting. The first shot went through Brown's left cheek and crashed into a show window. Brown ran into the jewelry store, followed by Ashford. The latter fired two more shots, one passing through Brown's body, entering the back and coming out of the chest, the other lodging in his arm.

Ladies in the store fainted and parades-monium reigned. William Rosenthal grabbed Ashford and prevented further shooting. Brown is mortally wounded.

Ashford was arrested but was afterwards released on a \$1,000 bond.

THIS IS THE WAY THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS SPENT THEIR SANTA CLAUS COIN.

DRY GOODS TOYS ETC.





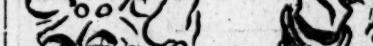












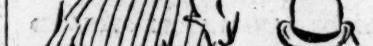








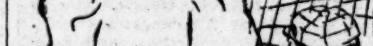










































































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tolerated for a moment. I am in favor of the present recommendations regarding the issuance of bank notes up to the par value of the bank deposited to set circulation, and for the establishment of banks with small capital and for the withdrawal of all national bank notes under \$10. I would go further and say that all of these notes and other government bills below \$5 should be prohibited by law. It may be said that silver certificates are already in circulation. That is true, but the presence of the silver dollar itself would be an object lesson which would mean a great deal to the people. I know that in this state where silver dollars are used almost exclusively the people have grown to like them much better than paper money. The sentimental love for the hard silver dollar may be something that cannot stand the cold criticism of the banker, but it certainly exists.

The West and the East.

"I have just come back from Boston," continued the speaker, "and while there I was told that the United States, the Independents, gold democrats, etc., had voted for McKinley in order to maintain a sound currency, and that they were entitled to have some legislation in the line of currency reform. I answered them that they had simply chosen between two evils and had chosen the least objectionable, and that the least which might be granted them now was better for them than Bryanism would have been. I did not see, therefore, that they had any cause for complaint."

"I had voted for McKinley because we were assured that his election did not mean further steps toward a single gold standard. We stood by the party under the promise that there would be efforts for international bimetallicism in a moderate amount of silver. We are entitled to have those promises kept. If they are not kept it will be impossible for us to hold the republicans in line. But, as I said before, I do not think this is the time to bring the question to a vote. Let us see what the question is before we take it up again. The republicans will be for us, for the sake of reason and above all let us see whether we cannot make a strike toward better times. If we can do this, there is no reason why we should agitate this financial question now. We can come back here next session prepared to take the thing up with a clearer understanding and under better conditions. The legislation that is now desired—I will not say that it is needed—ought to be postponed and the country given a rest."

Object Lessons of Prosperity.

And in the midst of it all, republican prosperity goes merrily on with the work of cutting salaries of New England mill operatives, cutting the time of railroad employees in the west and generally furnishing the country an object lesson, showing the people that prosperity as a republican administration is able to bring the people with its robbery tariff its gold standard financial policy.

Alton Angier's Christmas Gift.

Alton Angier has landed nicely. He was yesterday appointed head bookkeeper in a place that carries a salary of \$2,000 a year. Since he came here a month ago Angier has quickly won his way to this position but he has had to overcome a number of obstacles. There was a vacancy in the offices, but the position was under civil service, and the appointing power was in the hands of Secretary Bliss. The man who holds the position of secretary of the treasury is a strong pull at although General Longstreet has been urging Angier's appointment, it was not certain until today that the Georgian would land. As it is the appointment is an emergency one and Angier will have to stand his ground in a competitive examination under the civil service commission within sixty days. This is unless there is some modification of the present civil service orders. This is one place of the many that it is sought to exempt. The position is one for which Mr. Angier, by his long railroad experience, is fully qualified.

General and Mrs. Longstreet's Christmas.

General and Mrs. Longstreet left tonight for Gainesville, where they will spend the holidays. Miss Florence Fouché and Miss Eva Camp, of Rome, who have been visiting friends here for some days, left for their homes tonight. While here they were shown many attentions by friends.

Alabama Postmasters Appointed.

Alabama postmasters appointed today were: Bon Secour, Baldwinville; Lady Cox, Bullock; B. C. Cox, Columbus Creek; Jefferson, C. T. Terry; Hodges, Marion; G. K. Davis; Letohatchie; Lowndes, R. M. Moncrief; Sanders, Geneva; W. J. Smith; Sonoma, Etowah; H. L. Anderson; Stough, Fayette; S. J. Ford; Westmoreland; Lunestown; Ella Echols. OHL

TARHEEL MAY GET HIS MISSION

Representative White Wants Smith To Go to Liberia.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Representative White, of North Carolina, had an interview with the president today with reference to the appointment of the minister to Liberia.

It is understood that Mr. White obtained the president's promise to nominate Rev. Owen L. W. Smith, of North Carolina, one of Representative White's constituents.

NO GUESTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President and Family Will Have a Quiet Christmas Day.

Washington, December 23.—During the remainder of the present week the white house will practically be closed to all except those who call upon urgent official business or who have engagements to see the president in order that Mr. McKinley may consider the important questions and obtain a needed respite.

WANT GOMEZ ASSASSINATED.

Cuban Junta Declares Blanco Has an Assesary Selected for Work.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Cuban junta today gave official confirmation to a story that General Blanco has sent to the city from Cuba a man whose mission is to join one of the filibustering expeditions to the east coast of Cuba and secure the assassination of General Gomez.

We know all about Blanco's emissary," a representative of the junta said today. "We know the mission he is on and we know his name. He is not likely to join any of our expeditions."

AMERICA WINS IN SEAL SETTLEMENT

Commission Selected To Assess Damages Makes Report.

RESULT HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT

Award Does Not Exceed Amount That Was Once Suggested.

MILLION AND A HALF WAS CLAIMED

Bering Sea Controversy, Which Has Been Pending for Years, Is Adjusted.

The award is \$1,500,000. The only official statement that could be secured here to-night relative to the finding of the British-American commission selected to assess the damages for seizure of British ships in Bering sea is contained in the following announcement given out at the state department, the text of which reads:

"The award of the Bering sea claims commission has been filed in the state department. The claims as presented by the British government to the commissioners were for \$1,500,000. These included, under the claims treaty, the amount of \$1,000,000.00 in compensation proposed by Secretary Gresham. The award now made amounts to \$294,181.91 to which is to be added interest which will increase the total amount to \$300,000."

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JULIA MARLOWE SERIOUSLY ILL.

Talented Actress Confined to Her Room in Cincinnati Hotel.

Cincinnati, December 23.—Julia Marlowe is seriously ill in this city, having been confined to her hotel since last Sunday. None of the rooms have been filled this week and the Grand opera house has remained closed.

The members of her company returned to New York today and efforts have been made for two or three days to remove her to New York, but she is unable to make the trip.

She is so hoarse from cold that she cannot speak. Her engagements for Columbus and Detroit have been canceled.

WILL CHANGE POLITICAL LINES.

Illinois Republicans Will Make New Senatorial Districts.

Springfield, Ill., December 23.—Amid scenes of riotous disorder and intense excitement the house today passed the regular senatorial apportionment bill by a vote of 104 to 61 nays. There were but two votes to spare. It was a hairbreadth escape from defeat for the republican managers.

The bill provides for a republican reapportionment of the legislative districts of the state. According to the report of the committee on apportionment the changes will be as follows:

"The republican assert that the changes simply correct the outrages alleged to have been perpetrated in the so-called democratic gerrymander of the state. So elaborate was the democratic map making that it excluded entire counties from the state representation, the text of which reads:

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LASCLELES MAY NOW BE IN MONTGOMERY

Wife of the Fugitive Lays Claim to Her Father's Estate.

SHE TALKS OF HER MARRIAGE

Declares That Her Husband Is Kind and That She Loves Him.

HAD AN ESCORT INTO ALABAMA

Smooth-Faced Man Accompanied Her Part of the Way—She Converses Freely.

Fitzgerald, Ga., December 22.—(Special)—The arrival of Mrs. Sidney Lascelles, wife of the notorious confidence man and all-round swindler, last night, created no little excitement in Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Lascelles has changed considerably since her flight from this city last July. In answer to questions as to how long she would remain here, she replied:

"I am here to settle up my father's estate, but do not know how long it will take. I have understood my uncle has been here and has been appointed temporary administrator, but as I am the only legal heir, I am here to get my rightful property. Since my leaving Fitzgerald we have traveled extensively and my experience has been exciting and interesting, and a more happy six months has never been spent. Of course the death of my father was a sad and unexpected blow, and I assure you it fell with crushing weight upon him. He treats me so kindly and so good, and he is studies that have been printed in the papers against him make me love him all the more."

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THE LIMIT OF THE LAW.
That Is What Small Got for Killing His Mother-in-Law.

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MILES ARRESTED IN AUGUSTA.

He Is Wanted in Bristol on Charge of Passing Bogus Checks.

Augusta, Ga., December 23.—(Special)—R. L. Miles, of Bristol, Tenn., has been arrested here as a fugitive. Wise at the instance of Chief Caldwell, of the Bristol police force, who is also here.

Miles was a chicken and egg broker at Bristol and had built up a considerable business. In October he struck a turn of bad luck and lost a good deal of money. It is charged that he cashed a lot of worthless checks, which got him into several merchants for considerable sums, his speculations aggregating five or six thousand dollars, before he skipped town.

Since then the Bristol officers of the law have been trying to apprehend him and Detective Wise convinced a man who was going under the name of Miles in this city was the missing Miles. It was learned that his wife came to Augusta, and in this way he was traced here. Today Chief of Police Caldwell arrived here, and Detective Wise soon located Miles. Mrs. Miles tried to prevent the officers from arresting her husband, but put his foot in the crack of the door and wouldn't allow her to shut it.

When the officer was carrying Miles to the police headquarters he tried to escape and Detective Wise had to depose a passing attorney, Mr. John Foster, to aid him.

When they reached headquarters, Chief Caldwell, who probably recognized each other, and Miles said he would return to Bristol with him without a requisition. Caldwell has wired for instructions, and will probably leave with his prisoner tomorrow.

Must Run the Negro School.

The Ware High school case has just been decided by Judge Calloway adversely to the board of education. Last summer the board of education discontinued the Ware (negro) High school, declaring it was not sufficiently patronized by the negroes to warrant the expense, and they

would have to devote money more advantageously by giving the negroes larger conventional school advantages.

After trying in vain to get the board to reverse its decision, the negroes appealed into the courts, alleging that the board had no right to discriminate, and if the negro high school was cut off, the white high school must also be discontinued. The negroes have been argued at considerable length and the case has much interest. Judge Calloway has had the negroes in consideration for weeks past and has rendered a decision in which he enjoins the board of education from employing funds raised by the taxation for maintaining white schools unless they also maintain a high school for negroes.

The case will be carried to the supreme court.

Lovers Have Eloped.

Charles McDonald and Miss Lena McDonald, two young people residing in West End, ran away this afternoon and were married by Justice Vaughn. The bride's parents objected to the marriage, so the young people stole a march on them.

BEACH WILL HOLD TWO OFFICES.

Prison Commissioner Will Continue To Be Clerk of Superior Court.

Brunswick, Ga., December 23.—(Special)—It is given out tonight that the superior court clerk, Jacob L. Beach, will not resign his position, but serve until the end of his term.

Attorney General Terrell and ex-Judge Spencer R. Atkinson are stated to have advised the state's attorney of prison commissioners not to interfere with the superior court clerkship, one being a state and the other a county office.

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For Thee.

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To turn away and leave them all for thee,

Without one longing look at jewels bright.

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I'd step aside, no crown should deck my brow;

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The Demand for Currency Reform.

We reproduce elsewhere the editorial comment of The New York Financier on the southern bankers' convention, recently held in Atlanta.

It is refreshing to observe that a paper of such standing in the commercial world as that occupied by The Financier does not hesitate to give due consideration to the demands of the southern bankers for currency reform. The Financier stands at the top of the list of periodicals whose columns are devoted exclusively to financial and business matters. What it says, therefore, by way of endorsement of the action of the Atlanta convention, will be read with particular interest.

The unspoken attitude of The Financier is in striking contrast with the silence of the newspapers of the financial centers concerning the proceedings of the southern bankers' convention. There was an announcement in some of them that a convention had been held; but the average reader of the Boston and New York newspapers was left in absolute darkness as to the extent of the demand of the southern bankers for currency reform.

Nevertheless, there was no lack of information in the newspaper offices. The Associated Press kept them supplied with all the news from Atlanta. But it had no opportunity to appear. There was something the matter. The southern bankers were in favor of genuine banking reform—the kind of reform that will enable the people of this section to utilize their credit and all their available resources.

This, as we may have mentioned before, was a little too much for the brethren north of us. In fact, it was a painful surprise. It was thought that the bankers of this section would have no higher ambition than to approve a banking system invented and put in operation for the exclusive benefit of the big bankers in the metropolis and other great financial centers. But behold! Here they were actually making a proposition that would benefit them and the interests of their section.

It was more than the great editors could stand. They quietly chucked the press telegrams in the waste basket, and but a few of the northern newspapers had anything to say about the resolutions of the southern bankers.

Perhaps it is better so. Some sort of an object lesson was necessary to convince the bankers of the north of the absolute selfishness that lies behind every suggestion of currency reform which has emanated from the financial centers. A selfish policy prevails in and taints our present system. It has been one of the means of impoverishing the south, and we do not have any hope of a change unless our business interests take a firm stand in behalf of their own welfare.

The Republican Dilemma.

In the senate, a few days ago, there was an interesting little episode created by the efforts of Senator Morgan to have a portion of a speech delivered by M. Melville, president of council and minister of agriculture, in the French chamber of deputies, inserted in the Record. The facts given in that speech show the tendency of the gold standard to bankrupt those engaged in agricultural pursuits, and it also contains a brief reference to the efforts of the French government, in conjunction with the Wolcott commission, to effect an arrangement for maintaining an international ratio between the two money metals, together with a frank acknowledgment of the failure of the effort.

The episode created by Senator Morgan's effort to have the speech reproduced in the Congressional Record, consisted in a stout objection made by Senator Hoar, and a statement by Senator Stewart that, at the very moment when the representatives of France and the United States were negotiating with Great Britain the responsible officers of this government were declaring for the gold standard, followed by a blunt denial from Senator Chandler.

By this time, the eyes of Senator Chandler are opened, and he has written a very indignant letter on the subject warning the administration that the single gold standard is the rock on which the republican party will split.

The facts referred to in Senator Stewart's speech are certainly remarkable, and show how hollow was the pretense of Mr. McKinley that he was in favor of international bimetallism. At the most critical period of the negotiations, before Great Britain had given her answer to our commissioners, Mr. McKinley sent a message to congress informing the proceedings of the Indianapolis convention, which declared une-

quivocally for the gold standard. The president's message was sent in July. At that time, and afterwards, the secretary of the treasury and the comptroller of the currency were vociferously declaring for the gold standard, pure and simple.

The facts were all telegraphed abroad, and if there had ever been any hope of an agreement they would have made it impossible. What was to be thought of the attitude of an administration which, while its commissioners were petitioning for international bimetallism, was declaring unequivocally for the gold standard?

We have been under the impression all along that Mr. Wolcott has been playing a part, that he knew international bimetallism to be an impossibility, and that he intended to side from the commission to the support of the gold standard. We are beginning to believe now that he is sincere, for his reported indignation at the attitude of Secretary Gage can be traced to no other cause.

Nevertheless, it is very queer, with the reports from this country writ large in the leading London newspapers, that Mr. Wolcott did not perceive the game that he was deliberately made the victim of. While he was awaiting the reply of the British government, and, as it appears, confidently expecting a favorable one (all the conditions being ripe for it), Mr. McKinley, his secretary of the treasury, and his comptroller of the currency were endorsing the single gold standard.

There is no doubt of the fact that, if Mr. Wolcott is really in favor of the restoration of silver, he will be compelled by the party of which he is a typical representative, and by the people whom he represents, to abandon the gold standard.

The president is pledged to it, and Secretary Gage is not only declaring allegiance to the cause of Cuban independence. Instead of calling for criticism and reproach, this courageous son of the Cuban patriots calls for increased admiration and respect.

And he represents not only the president, but his party. Individual members of the party may object to all this, and some of them may leave the organization, but so far as the party proper is concerned, it is committed to the gold standard.

The Graeco-Turkish Treaty.

Within the last few days the treaty of peace between Greece and Turkey has been formally signed; and it now remains for the special commission created by the powers to enter upon the discharge of its duties.

This commission will have charge of Greece's financial affairs from now until the Turkish indemnity is fully paid. Of course it will be humiliating to the little kingdom to endure the ordeal which this supervision of her finances puts upon her, but there can be no doubt of the fact that the discipline which she is apt to derive from this experience will be of great advantage to her. Greece has never been systematic in her financial methods. On the contrary, she has been extremely loose and careless. While the kingdom has been constantly oppressed with such heavy taxes that the people have fairly groaned under the burden, there is absolutely nothing to show for it, and the government is today in the most dilapidated condition of insolvency. In order to raise the amount of the Turkish indemnity, several years will be required, but with systematic adjustment, there is no reason why its people should feel the burden of taxation more perceptibly than in past years. When the indemnity is at last paid, and the little kingdom comes out from under the financial tutelage or the commission, she will undoubtedly be in a better condition than ever before, and what now seems to be her humiliation may, in the end, become her greatest blessing.

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But what is to become of the indemnity which the commission seeks to raise? Will it find its way into the Turkish treasury, or is it destined to be diverted into other channels? This question is not difficult to answer. When the war between Greece and Turkey was at its height, the powers refused to interfere in behalf of Christendom, and bring their war guns to bear upon Turkey for the simple reason that Turkey was indebted to European bondholders and could not be assaulted with impunity. So with the money which the commission realizes from its management of Greek finances payments will be made from year to year, not into the Turkish treasury, but into the hands of European bondholders who have taken out liens upon Turkey's indemnity.

Most of the duels fought on the European continent are fought with the sword, though pistols and knives are used occasionally.

The Democrats of Alabama.

The attitude of The Mobile Register, with respect to the gubernatorial campaign in Alabama, is to be commended. Although its editor is an advocate of the gold standard, and is, therefore, opposed to the views of an overwhelming majority of the democrats of Alabama, he makes bold to condemn in no uncertain language the movement which has been started to oppose Governor Johnston by bringing out a gold standard candidate for the nomination.

The Register is of the opinion that the renomination of Colonel Johnston would do more to restore democratic harmony in Alabama than could possibly result from the choice of any other man. In this the Register is correct, and the soundness of its position is emphasized by the mere suggestion that Governor Johnston should be opposed for nomination by an advocate of the gold standard who bitterly opposed the majority in its declaration which led to Alabama giving the first vote in favor of the present platform, the insurgents refused to consider the offer. They recognized it as a shrewd but desperate game which the home government had resorted to in its extremity for the purpose of binding its yoke more securely upon the island; and, realizing that its acceptance meant enslavement, they spurned it with patriotic indignation. As commander of the insurgents, General Gomez issued orders declaring the promised opposition of the insurgents to the proposed offer of home rule and putting the Spaniards on notice that if emissaries should cross their lines with offerings based upon anything short of Cuban independence, they would be treated as common scoundrels. The renomination of Governor Johnston on a re-enforcement of the national democratic party in its last convention control all loyal democrats until the party in its regular councils may decide upon a change of policy. The Chicago platform is good enough for any democrat. It embodies the living issues and the winning issues.

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The Execution of Colonel Ruiz.

Contrary to the hasty and superficial view which some newspapers seem inclined to take of the recent killing of Colonel Ruiz by Cuban insurgents, the affair is not calculated to bring reproach upon the Cuban cause, but rather to emphasize the uncompromising and persistent character of the struggle.

When General Blanco landed upon the island during the latter part of November, the offer of alleged home rule was proclaimed to the insurgents in trumpet tones of publicity, which reverberated from one end of the island to the other; but, on account of frequent deceptions practiced upon them in the guise of home rule, the insurgents refused to consider the offer. They recognized it as a shrewd but desperate game which the home government had resorted to in its extremity for the purpose of binding its yoke more securely upon the island; and, realizing that its acceptance meant enslavement, they spurned it with patriotic indignation.

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Java is a native Malay word signifying "the land of nutmegs."

Asia comes from the Sanskrit, Ushas, signifying "land of the dawn."

Steel billiard balls and aluminum wall paper are the latest evolutions in trade.

Bee sugar culture is to be tried on one of the North Carolina penitentiary farms.

Connecticut in the Indian form was Quinנית, meaning "the country of the long point."

Egypt expresses the Hebrew for "the land of oppression," alluding to the bondage of the Israelites.

Africa traces its origin to the Phoenician after, a black man, and the Sanskrit ac, the earth, a country.

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THE WEATHER.

At 8 o'clock last night the center of high-
barometric pressure was over the lower
Missouri valley, it having moved northward
from western Texas during the past twenty-
four hours. The low area was still centered
over the central general fall in
temperatures occurred over the entire con-
cept in the lower Mississippi valley, in Tex-
as and along the eastern slope of the Rockies.
The greatest change occurred in the
lake region and the lowest temperature—2
degrees above zero—was reported from Chi-
cago. The thermal line of 20 degrees ran
south of Cincinnati and from 20 to 30 degrees
ran through northern Tennessee. Tem-
peratures reported clear than has been the
case for several days, but the weather was
generally cloudy. Snow was falling at Det-
roit and rain at Galveston. Light precipi-
tation had occurred during the day at New
York, Buffalo, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Omaha,
New Orleans and Corpus Christi.
Forecast for today—Fair and cooler.

Local Report for Yesterday.

Daily mean temperature.....	34
Daily nocturnal temperature.....	40
Highest temperature.....	46
Lowest temperature.....	29
Total rainfall.....	.00
Deficiency of precipitation.....	12.13

General Weather Report.

Daily report of the weather at selected
stations, as shown by observations taken
at 8 p.m., December 23, 1897:

STATIONS.	Temp. at 8 P.M.	Highest Temperature.	Lowest Temperature.	Precipitation in hrs.
New York, clear	24	30	10	T
Savannah, cloudy	50	55	40	00
Norfolk, cloudy	36	44	40	00
Charlotte, clear	33	48	40	00
Raleigh, clear	33	48	40	00
Wilmington, clear	42	50	40	00
Charleston, cloudy	41	50	40	00
Jacksonville, cloudy	54	60	40	00
Atlanta, pt. cloudy	38	46	40	00
Tampa, cloudy	28	30	40	00
Pensacola, cloudy	45	50	40	00
Montgomery, pt. cloudy	46	52	40	00
Vicksburg, cloudy	44	50	40	00
New Orleans, cloudy	48	50	40	00
Palestine, cloudy	42	44	40	00
Galveston, rain	44	46	40	T
Corpus Christi, cloudy	44	46	40	02
Biloxi, cloudy	29	30	40	00
Detroit, snow	10	18	01	00
Chicago, clear	2	8	00	00
Jamestown, cloudy	44	46	40	00
St. Louis, pt. cloudy	40	42	40	00
Erie, clear	34	35	40	00
Wheeling, clear	18	22	40	T
St. Paul, clear	4	4	00	00
Kansas City, cloudy	22	25	40	T
Omaha, cloudy	24	24	40	00
Lincoln, cloudy	16	21	40	00
Rapid City, clear	32	54	40	00
North Platte, clear	36	46	40	00
Dodge City, clear	36	46	40	00
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J. R. MURPHY,
Local Forecast Official.

Forecast for Today.

For South Carolina and Georgia—Cloudy;
northern Florida—Cloudy;
East Florida—Generally fair; cooler;
western Florida—Threatening weather;
most winds, probably showers on the
coast Saturday.
Alabama—Generally fair; probably colder
in northern portion; gusty winds; in-
creasing cloudiness Saturday.

AT THE HOTELS.

Judge and Mrs. William H. Jackson, of
Cincinnati, arrived in Atlanta yesterday afternoon.
They will spend the holidays as
the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Jackson,
at No. 185 Peachtree street. Judge
Jackson is the second son of the late Howell E. Jackson, of Nashville, and a brother
of the late W. C. Jackson, one of the
known representatives of the Southern
Railway Company in Atlanta. He landed
in Cincinnati several years ago, and married
Miss Dixie, a belle of that city. He
inherited his father's splendid legal
abilities and was a member of the bar
for a few years, was nominated by the
Democrats as a justice of one of the
superior courts of Hamilton county. He was
elected by an overwhelming majority, and
is now recognized as one of the ablest
judges of the Cincinnati bench. He is a
graduate of Vanderbilt, and was a college
mate of Morris, Morris Brandon and Full-
ton Colville, of this city.

Solicitor General Bloodworth, of the Flint
judicial circuit, is in the city to spend the
Christmas holidays. Mr. Bloodworth is
stopping at the Leland.

M. A. O. Blalock, of Fayetteville, the
well-known lawyer, spent yesterday
in the city. Mr. Blalock reviewed the recent
session of the legislature, and shed a few
remarks at the next legislative body,
of which, it is said, he aspires to be
speaker. Mr. Blalock said he had never
been asked to make a candidate, and
said he did not want the place if offered
to trade his votes and his convictions for it.
Mr. Blalock said he had been placed in an
unfair position before the people in regard
to the university matter. He said that the popular idea
that he was seeking to destroy the state's educational institution
was entirely erroneous.

Colonel J. W. Anderson, the editor of The
Covington Star, one of the best weekly
papers in the state, was at the Kimball
last night. Mr. Anderson was on his way
home from a business trip to Macon.

Solicitor General W. T. Kinsey, of
Snow Mountain's circuit, came up from
Jonesboro yesterday morning for a day in
the city. Mr. Kinsey and his son, Johnson,
will soon have a suburban train, which
will place that growing town in closer
touch with the capital. The train is needed,
as many people doing business here live
in Jonesboro.

Mr. S. G. McClendon, of Thomasville, Ga.,
is at the Kimball. Mr. McClendon is on
his way to Athens, where his family is at
present.

Arrivals at the Kimball were: Robert C.
Lowry, New York; Forrest Smith, North
Carolina; Sheppard Camp, Baltimore; S.
G. McDonald, Birmingham; Dr. W. H.
Mansfield, La.; M. A. Simpson, Nashville;
W. A. Broughton, Madison; Mr. and Mrs.
C. Lee Opelika; Miss Jessie Lee, Lee;
Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. R. C. Moore, Atlanta;
G. Woodford, Columbus; Mrs. W. S.
Greenville; R. H. Hardaway, Tuscaloosa;
O. C. Brothman, Jr., West Point; W. S.
Kingsbury, Mrs. H. H. Hunt and Daniel, Gaines-
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Fair and sunny children are given rose
cheeks and vigorous appetites by the great
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Crescent, which is indeed the mother's friend.
Get only Hood's.

Death of Dr. Andrews.

Dr. J. T. Andrews, aged sixty years, died
yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock at his late resi-
dence, 20 Greenberry avenue. He had
lived in this house for number of years and
had many friends. His remains will be
taken to Powelton, Ga., leaving the city
tomorrow morning at 7:30 o'clock, where
the funeral services and interment will occur.

Plaintiff alleges that said city court of
DeKalb is a great expense to the tax-
payers of said county, so much so that
two successive grand juries have recom-
mended that it be abolished. Said pretended
court had an existence for nearly
four years, during which time it has cost
the county about \$4,000 as salary for the
judge thereof, besides a large amount paid
out on account of per diem for jurors and
special bailiffs.

Plaintiff alleges that the use of county's
funds for this purpose as herein alleged is

illegal and unauthorized application of
the revenue of the county for the reason
that the act of the legislature creating
said city court is unconstitutional, null
and void for her reasons herein set forth.
Further Allegations and an Apology.

The bill further alleges that unless in-
junction is granted, Mr. H. S. Parry, who
has been appointed by the governor as
the judge of the court, will draw out of the
treasury \$1,000 and will hold the court every
two months; that the officials will con-
tinuous to perform their part of the work,
and the treasurer will continue to pay out
the amounts for the maintenance of the
court. The plaintiff apologizes for the al-
legations he has made, and says that he
does not mean to reflect upon the personal
or official integrity of the defendants, but
hereby admits that each of them has
done what he believed was right.

The defendant prays "that by decree of

FATAL BLOW AIMED AT DE KALB'S COURT

Candler Issues Rule Nisi Based on a
Petition for Injunction.

TROUBLE OVER THE CITY COURT

May Make All Acts for Four Years
Null and Void.

CHARGE IT WAS NOT PROPERLY ESTABLISHED

Judgments Have Amounted to \$250,-
000 and May All Be Tried Again.
Other Complications.

Atlanta Exchange Is Putting in \$40,000 Electrical Apparatus.

NO MORE KICKS IN FUTURE

New Scheme Will Revolutionize the
Conduct of the Exchange.

WILL MAKE INSTANT CONNECTIONS

When the System Is Complete a Sub-
scriber Will Only Give the
Number Desired.

A Change Now in Progress in the Atlanta Telephone Exchange Will Within Sixty Days Completely Revolutionize the Telephone Sys- tem of this City.

The new system will cost about \$60,000

and although entirely different from the
present plan is much simpler and insures

a better service for subscribers.

The new system is the scheme of the
Western Electric Company, of Chicago, but

is being put in by the New York branch

house, under the direction of Mr. R. B.

Hopkins, one of the most thorough elec-

tricians in the country. He arrived in

the city last Saturday morning with a corps

of sixteen men and began work at once.

Work has been going on day and night

since that time, but only a small portion

of the new apparatus has been put in,

and it is estimated that at least sixty days

more will be required before the system will

be in operation.

The old lot of switch boards, with the

\$60,000 wires that are required to operate it,

the twenty-five young ladies who serve the

public and the platform on which they sit,

have been moved about ten feet to the

center of the room, while the new appa-

ratus is being placed where the old one

was.

This change was made while the 'phones

were in operation, the subscribers knowing

nothing of the work that was being done.

It is the intention of Mr. Hopkins to dis-

card the old board and commence operat-

ing the new one without a moment's delay.

He says that he anticipates but little trou-
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DEAL WILL STAND, SAY CITY FOLK

Injunction Against Courthouse Purchase
Has Not Discouraged Promulgators.

OPINION OF CITY ATTORNEY

Anderson Says Palmer's Action Will
Amount to Naught.

QUOTES FROM THE CHARTER OF THE CITY

way: City Would Have Authority Re-
gardless of Special Act—Mayor
Says Deal Will Materialize.

The injunction filed against the city Wednesday night, postponing the purchase of the courthouse for city hall purposes, seems not to have dampened the ardor of the promulgators of the plan. They say Judge Palmer's somewhat unexpected attack will amount to nothing.

The mayor feels confident the latest deal will materialize in course of time. Judge Anderson, city attorney, and several members of council entertain the same opinion.

One of the principal arguments in the bill for injunction is that the special act of the legislature gives the city authority to purchase a city hall, not one-fifth of a city hall. Judge Anderson hits this clause squarely on the nose with section 1 of a original charter of the city, which gives the municipality the right to purchase, receive or retain for the benefit of the city any property or lands whatsoever.

Judge Anderson further says that according to the contract between the city and county commissioners there is no attempt to bind future councils by the transaction.

They say Judge Lumpkin is disqualified to rule on the case, anyway, in that the bill for injunction is a taxpayers' bill, and that Judge Lumpkin is a taxpayer. Judge Lumpkin has ruled, however, that he is not debarred on this account.

"I do not believe," said Judge Anderson yesterday, "that the injunction will amount to anything. We can answer every allegation they make. In the first place, there is no effort on our part to bind future councils, as is evidenced by our contract, and future councils are not bound in the transaction. As for purchasing one-fifth at a time, there is no law against this procedure. The ultimate object of the lawmaker of the special act was to give us authority to buy a city hall, allowing us to use the best means at our disposal. Besides, we could purchase the courthouse even if this special act had never been passed.

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Yesterday was an ideal holiday, suggesting in its varied bright and cheery scenes that a merry Christmas was at hand. Everybody, young and old, was out, and the clear, bright, sunny weather seemed to import its nature to that of the men and women greeting one another in the shops and chatting in parties on the street corners. Carriages laden with bundles threatened to collide with each other in Whitehall street, so great was the crowd, and the men selling yellow kid dolls, jumping jacks, balloons and tin whistles tried to outdo in spicing the dealers in firecrackers and such holiday ammunition.

Eldest couples, out hunting Santa Claus for little grandchildren, chuckled in their pleasure of what the little ones would say, "mammams and papas" consulted with each other as to what the debutante daughter should have as a Christmas surprise. Young married couples were out shopping, and the debutantes in two and three "signed" out; those cases in jewelry stores showing silver stamp cases, stamp cases, book marks, etc., which all men receive, but few men use.

Then, when tired of the shops, it was interesting to stand and note the many beautiful women of which Atlanta can boast. There were the young girls whose r'checks glowed with color, and many of them related their enjoyment of a drive in search of holly or mistletoe. In one tea cart, fairies laden with holiday foliage, half hidden by the very green leaves and red berries, were smiling faces of a well known young couple, who had been out hunting a Christmas tree with which to make happy younger brothers and sisters.

A beautiful picture was Miss Callie Jackson, whose admiration and great interest in the toys she saw told the story of an ideal little place at home. She was as fresh-looking and prettier than any known young woman, and was one of the few young women one likes to see in black.

If she had stepped from a Parisian fashion plate was Miss Mary Burt Howard. The high collar of her sealskin coat and her big, coquettish hat did not hide her rosy cheeks, and smiling eyes when she positively refused to tell who sent the Parma violets she wore.

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Christmas is a legal holiday.
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that day. Paper maturing
Saturday is due and
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paper maturing Sunday,
26th, is due and payable
Monday, 27th.

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MRS. KNIGHT WANTS PARDON

She Has Served All but One Month of
Her Sentence.

HER SON IS DANGEROUSLY HURT

Fell from a Telephone Pole Yesterday.
Mrs. Knight Cowhided Old
Man Flower.

Mrs. T. H. Knight, who is now
serving a sentence in Fulton jail because
she horsewhipped old man Flower, may
wake up Christmas morning to find that
Santa Claus has brought a reduction of
sentence to put her into her stocking.

Mrs. Knight met old man Flower on
Pine street last spring and she immediately
began using a horsewhip, which, it was
said, she had concealed in the folds of her
skirt. The blows left red marks on the old
man's back, and afterwards drove out a
warrant upon which she was tried and
convicted before Judge Candler.

Mrs. Knight was sentenced to serve
three months in jail or pay a fine of \$50.
The fine was not paid and Mrs. Knight
has been in jail ever since. Her
husband was jointly indicted, tried
and convicted with her, was sentenced to
serve one month in jail and pay a fine of
\$20; in default of the fine he was to serve
three months in the public works of the
county. He has served his month in jail
and recently paid the fine thus escaping
the chaining.

On the morning of the only son of Mrs.
Knight, who is in the employ of the tele-
graph company, fell from a pole and re-
ceived serious injury. The friends of Mrs.
Knight then began to make an effort to
secure a reduction in her sentence so that
she could be at home with her injured boy.
The efforts were made by Judge Can-
dler and the governor, and it is believed
that the third month will be taken from
the sentence and that she will be allowed to
leave the jail. If these efforts are suc-
cessful Mrs. Knight will be pardoned to-
morrow morning.

INSURANCE FIELD.

It is said that the new Grant building,
which is being erected on Broad, Forsyth
and Walton streets, will be named the
Prudential, for the well-known life insur-
ance company. A representative of the com-
pany was here this week and is under-
standing that the name will be given to
between the owner of the building and the
company. The consideration is said to be
something like \$20,000. A facsimile of the
rock of Gibraltar will be carved over the
main entrance.

The English-American building will be
headquarters for at least four insurance
companies and possibly more. The Mutual
Life will move in early in the year. Manager
Wood White, of the Northwestern
Life of Milwaukee, will move his office
over there from the Young Men's Christian
Association building. The Prudential is go-
ing in until Captain Grant's building is
completed and the United States Life will
make its headquarters in the English-
American. Other companies have been
fixing on a change.

The old life companies say they have
no fight on the assessment committee and
that they simply worked the recent bill
through the legislature in order that insur-
ers may know just what they are doing
and if they want the assessment or natural
protection or flexible premium policy, they
will be able to do what they are doing.

It is a little strange that the insurance
people did not catch on to the bill
while it was pending in the legislature. It
seems that they did not discover what was
going on until the bill had passed the
house and senate and was in the governor's
hands.

Taken as a whole, the life companies have
not made such gains this year in the south
as they made last year. It looks that way
now, although the figures will not be an-
nounced for ten days yet.

Everybody appears to be satisfied and
the volume of new business written for the
country at large has been very great.

A matinee will be given Christmas day.

The veroscope pictures of the Corbett
Fitzsimons fight, at the Columbia, still
draw delighted audiences. The wonderful
sight of the two great giants in the ring is clearly shown, and the spectator
finds himself quite as much interested
in the work of the two men as if he were at
the ringside watching the great battle for
supremacy.

The veroscope will be kept on all the
week with a special matinee Christmas day.

A sacred concert will be given Sunday
night and a popular concert Monday night
by the Clara Schumann ladies' orchestra
from Boston.

The orchestra is composed entirely of
young ladies, skilled musicians, whose con-
certed and solo playing is said to rival such
magnificent organizations as Theodore
Thomas and Seidl. The programme will
be so chosen as to delight lovers of the
classical and the untrained ear that alone
assumes no mere metrical value.

The Minneapolis Journal, commenting on
the work of the orchestra, said:

"The Clara Schumann ladies' orchestra
scored another success at the Metropolitan
last night, presenting a programme of ten
selections, each accompanied with ample
demonstrations of apparel by the solo
members. The farewells were several and
the popular, and there were several special solo
features. The farewell concert will be given
this evening."

Mr. Leffingwell, a well-known theatrical
manager, is in the city looking after the
interests of his star, Otto Skinner, who will
appear next Wednesday and Thursday at
the Egyptian.

C. H. Bunker has been elected president
and manager of the Metropolitan Accident
Association of Chicago. The company has
deposited \$100,000 with the insurance de-
partment of Illinois as a guaranty fund to
protect its policy holders.

The National, of Baltimore, has retired
from the Baltimore Underwriters.

CHOICE CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

At the French Candy Co., 100 White-
hall Street.

If you want fine chocolates and cream
candies for Christmas, send to the French
Candy Company, 100 Whitehall street. Mr.
George Garrow guarantees all his candies
to be absolutely pure, fresh and the finest
in the world. He has a wide variety of can-
dies you want at his establishment, and a
specialty is made of fine chocolates and
candies. Don't miss the French Candy
Company when you buy your Christmas
candies.

NORFOLK and BLOXII selects and plant
oysters at Donehoo's.

The Looking Glass.

Owing to Christmas falling on Saturday,
The looking Glass will be issued this
morning at 10 o'clock. All newsboys can
make a living with this week. A fine
show away with the purchases of four or
more papers.

Holiday Rates via Southern Railway.

The Southern Railway Company will sell
excursion tickets to all points, for the hol-
iday season.

Tickets on sale December 22d to 25th, inclusive
and December 31st and January 1st, 1898.

Tickets will be sold at student
certificates signed by proper official
school or college December 16th to 25th, in-
clusive, and January 1st, 1898.

These tickets will be sold from coupon
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FEDERAL COURT IN RECESS

Judge Newman Orders a Halt Until
After the Holidays.

NEXT YEAR'S JURY IS DRAWN

The Men Who Will Try the United
States Civil Cases Selected
Yesterday.

The United States court adjourned for
Christmas yesterday. Judge Newman de-
clared a recess until December 31st, when
he will resume his work for the new year
and then take another adjournment.

No business was transacted yesterday
other than the drawing of a traverse jury
for the 1898 term of the federal court. When
the term begins next year the docket will
be laden with many big cases. The trial
of the civil cases will take up a long time
and the jury drawn yesterday will settle
cases involving hundreds of thousands of
dollars.

Judge Newman will go to New Orleans
Sunday after next and he will have no
other court here until January 11th. He
goes to assist Judge Pardee in some cases in
the appellate court.

The trial of the first case finished up nearly all
of the moonshine cases before adjourning,
so as to leave very few prisoners in jail
during Christmas. Only those who did
not want to be tried or those serving sentences
so as to modify some of the sentences so that
the booze makers could get home to
their families before the Christmas time.

The jurors drawn for the civil term of
court of 1898 were mostly Atlantans.

Those from Atlanta are: Thomas D.
Meador, Henry Watt, Harry S. Brad-
ford, Edward F. Chapman, Walter K.
Wilson, George W. Akrake, Addison P.
Youngblood, Jerome Slivey, John D. Demer-
on, James T. Thompson, Thomas S.
Shadden, Morris Hirsch, Robert L. Hudson
and John H. Hobbs. John H. Hobbs
is a实践家 of Campbell county; John
C. Camp, Jonesboro; Clayton Ervin, Carters-
ville; John Lester, Fayetteville, and
John E. Pickett, Pickensville; William E. Pickett,
Statesboro; Samuel L. Hill, Newnan.

AT THE THEATERS.

"My Friend from India," which the
original Smyth and Rice Comedy Company
is announced to appear at the Grand
tonight and Saturday, deserves to rank among
the masterpieces of genuine comedy, accord-
ing to all the expert reports. It is said to be
written with wit and originality, and is
wholesome humor and sparkling dialogue,
a positive cure for ennui, or any other
member of the family of blues—and it is
done with the pen of H. A. Du Souchet.

About six weeks ago Miss Becker returned
to New York after an illness which lasted several months.

A few years ago Miss Becker, who pos-
sessed an unusually fine voice, went to
Europe for the purpose of taking vocal
lessons from one of the finest masters
there.

She made such great progress and her
voice developed so well that she returned to
New York and was to have gone on the
stage last fall. When the time came for her
to fill her engagement she was ill and unable
to sing. Since that time she had remained
ill, but was well enough to come to Atlanta
a few weeks ago. She has recovered
wonderfully.

About six weeks ago Miss Becker returned
to New York after an illness which lasted several months.

Her mother passed through the city yes-
terday en route to New York where she
will be present at the funeral, which will
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water power; good timber; \$35 an acre for
four days; full its value.

25 acres on Georgia R. R.; near Stone
Mountain; fine house, one of very
few farms on main \$18 per acre; owner's
business calls him away.

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SCHOOLS CLOSED YESTERDAY.

Children Are Free from Books Until
January.

The schools of the city closed yesterday
afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

The children had been looking forward to
the vacation for some time and were glad
yesterday when they were dismissed. They
have made preparations for Christmas and
will enjoy themselves to the fullest ex-
tent.

Something About Sleep.

From The Chicago News.

Few people are aware that sleep may
weaken instead of invigorate. If a man
sleeps longer than is necessary to repair
tissues and rest his mind he injures himself
and lays a foundation for various diseases.
The tendency to sleep shown by
children and the uneducated when not occu-
pied is probably